

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) Grants-in-aid are sanctioned to the NGOs as per the norms and procedures laid down in the schemes of the Ministry.

(c) Audit of the accounts of the organisations is done by the Chartered Accountants or auditors approved by the Government.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Names of the Voluntary Organisations with their location in Assam

S.No. Name of the voluntary organisations with address

1. Gharmora Model Satra Hills and Plains Cultural Institution, Ward No. 8, PO : North Lakhimpur-787 001.
2. Prantiya Samaj Kalyan Kendra, PO : Kamin-791 121, North Lakhimpur.
3. Ramakrishna Mission, Sevashram, Silchar-4, Cachar (Assam).
4. Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, RK Mission Road, Ulubari, Guwahati- 781007.
5. Indian Council for Child Welfare, Assam State Branch, GN Bordoli Road, Ambari Near Government Emorium, Guwahati, Assam.
6. Indira Red Cross Society, Guwahati, Assam.
7. Bahumukhi Krishi Aru Samaj Kalyan Samiti, Chota Rupahi, Noor Nagar, 10 Herapati, Distt : Nagaon, Assam.
8. Gram Vikas Parishad, VIII : Rangaloor, PO : Jumarpur, Distt: Nagaon, Assam-782 427.
9. M/s. Salitha Puthi, Bhawal Village, Saraighat, Duminichowki Post, Distt: Kamrup, Assam.
10. Asson. for Social Health in India, State Branch, Near Assam Press, MD Road, Silpukhuri, Guwahati, Assam.
11. Jagriti Samthla, Unayan Kendra, PO: Islamgaon, Lakhimpur-787 054.
12. Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM) Guwahati Chapter, Ashram Road (Near Water Tank), Ulubari, Guwahati- 781 007.
13. Remakrishna Mission, Silchar.
14. All India Centre for Urban and Rural Development, Silchar.
15. Assam Anusuchit Jati Parishad, Silchar.
16. Assam Administrative Staff College, Jawahar Nagar, PO: Khanapara, Guwahati-22.

India-Iran Fertilizer Project

2540. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Iran have given their final approval to the fertilizer project to be set up in Irani Qeshm Island, free trade zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the companies to whom this contract has been awarded; and

(d) the time by which the production is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) have jointly explored the possibility of setting up a 7.26 lakh metric tonne per annum urea project at Qeshm Island, Iran in collaboration with Qeshm Free Area Authority (QFAA) of Iran. As per the Feasibility Report, the estimated cost of the project is US \$ 470 million. The buy back responsibility of the Indian partners extends to 60% of the urea production from this fertilizer complex.

(c) and (d) In the absence of an investment decision by the project sponsors, it is not possible to indicate the time by which the Qeshm Fertilizer Project will commence production. The stage of award of the contract for setting up of this facility has not yet been reached.

[Translation]

Fertility in Agriculture

2541. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether ambitious schemes formulated to test the fertility in the agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the schemes are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Soil testing is one of the most important tools in estimating the fertility of the soils in terms of availability of plant nutrients. In view of this, a scheme has been formulated for implementation during 9th plan for Modernisation of soil testing services. Proposed components of the scheme are :

(i) To modernise the existing soil testing laboratories.

- (ii) To open new soil testing laboratories in uncovered areas.
- (iii) To impart training to technical staff of soil testing laboratories.
- (iv) To organise field demonstrations based on soil analysis and farmers' training on conjunctive use of organic, bio and chemical fertilisers.
- (v) To prepare soil fertility maps.

The scheme is yet to be approved by the Government.

[English]

Scavenger Rehabilitation Scheme

2542. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRI DINSHA PATEL :
DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the large scale misappropriation of funds under the Scavengers Rehabilitation Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in the matter;

(d) if so, the action taken against the guilty persons; and

(e) the steps proposed by the Government to avoid misappropriation of funds under the scheme in future?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMDOOWALIA) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shrimp Farms

2543. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of workers employed in over 2000 shrimp-farms are likely to be thrown out of employment with the closure of these farms as per Supreme Court's orders besides its adverse impact on the food-production and exports;

(b) if so, the number of shrimp farm workers likely to be affected; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide them with the alternative employment and to rehabilitate their families?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking review of the judgement of the Supreme Court. The matter is sub judice.

Cutting of Timber

2544. SHRI VIJAY PATEL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether large scale padauk timbers is being allowed to cut from the forest land near Bindraban, South Andaman Islands;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to issue any directives to the State Government to inquire into the matter and initiate necessary action against the persons responsible for the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

International Pepper Exchange

2545. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up an International Pepper Exchange at Cochin; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including salient features of the Exchange?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to set up an International Pepper Futures Exchange at Kochi, Kerala with a second trading floor in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The India Pepper and Spice Trade Association (IPSTA), Kochi which is conducting domestic futures trading has been granted recognition for conducting international futures contracts in black pepper by opening a separate International Commodity Exchange Division. A Clearing House, viz. the First Commodity Clearing Corporation of India, has been incorporated to act as guarantor for the traders and other operators. Guidelines regarding eligibility for foreign participants, mode of participation etc. have been notified. Trading in the international futures contract in pepper is expected to commence shortly.